

Please amend Claims 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 as shown below.

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 5, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "any of claims 1 to 4" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 9, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 11, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert --claim 1--.

Claim 12, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert --claim 1--.

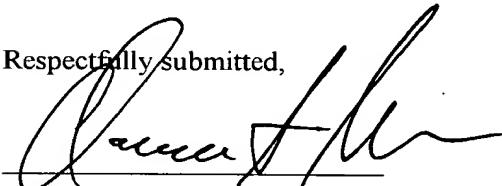
Claim 13, line 1, delete "any preceding claim" and insert --claim 1--.

PLEASE DELETE CLAIM 44.

REMARKS

Please enter this preliminary amendment prior to calculation of the fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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